

Background Documents

THE QUEBEC SUMMIT

SUMMARY

President Reagan and Prime Minister Mulroney met at Quebec City on March 17 and 18 for three sessions of talks. The principal achievements of the visit were:

- a trade declaration reflecting the strong political commitment of the two leaders to create a more secure, predictable environment for trade. They specifically:
 - committed themselves to halt protectionism on cross-border trade in goods and services;
 - adopted measures to enhance access to each other's markets and launched a program to explore further means to facilitate and increase trade and investment;
 - reaffirmed their commitment to a strong multilateral trading system.
- an agreement to appoint Special Envoys on acid rain, with an agreed mandate, and to report to the President and Prime Minister by their next meeting;
- a declaration on international security reinvigorating the defence partnership between the two countries including the Defence Development and Production Sharing Arrangements, and committing both sides to consult closely on security and arms control issues;
- an agreement on Modernization of North American Air Defence and the North Warning System;
- an exchange of instruments ratifying the new treaty to restore the west coast salmon fishery;
- signing of a Legal Assistance Treaty to help fight international criminal activity while respecting each other's sovereignty.

The Prime Minister informed the President that Canada has accepted the U.S. invitation to participate in the space station project.

Other bilateral subjects discussed during the talks included the Canada/U.S. relationship, economic issues, and improved Canadian access to the U.S. defence and space market.

Their discussion also covered the crisis in Africa, human rights, East/West relations including the Prime Minister's trip to Moscow for President Chernenko's funeral, the Geneva talks, the world economic situation, and preparations for the Bonn Summit.

DECLARATION BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA REGARDING TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES

We embark today on a joint effort to establish a climate of greater predictability and confidence for Canadians and Americans alike to plan, invest, grow and compete more effectively with one another and in the global market.

We are convinced that an improved and more secure climate for bilateral trade relations will encourage market forces to achieve a more rational and competitive production and distribution of goods and services.

We remain committed to the principles of the multilateral trading system embodied in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade as the cornerstone of our respective trade policies. We are determined to exercise the political will to make the open, multilateral trading system work better and to strengthen and extend the disciplines governing international commerce.